

**Abstract**

A method and apparatus is provided for storing and accessing a copy of digital content. The digital content, which is initially located on a physical medium in possession of a user, may be stored on a server for subsequent access thereon by the user. The method begins by establishing a communication link with the server. A request is provided to the server over the communication link to store a copy of the digital content on the server. A user ID is provided to the server over the communication link. The digital content from the physical medium is then uploaded to the server over the communication link. Subsequent to the step of uploading the digital content, a request is provided to the server to receive the digital content from the server. Subsequent to or simultaneous with the step of providing the request to receive the digital content, the user ID is provided to the server. The digital content from the server is received only after the user ID is provided.